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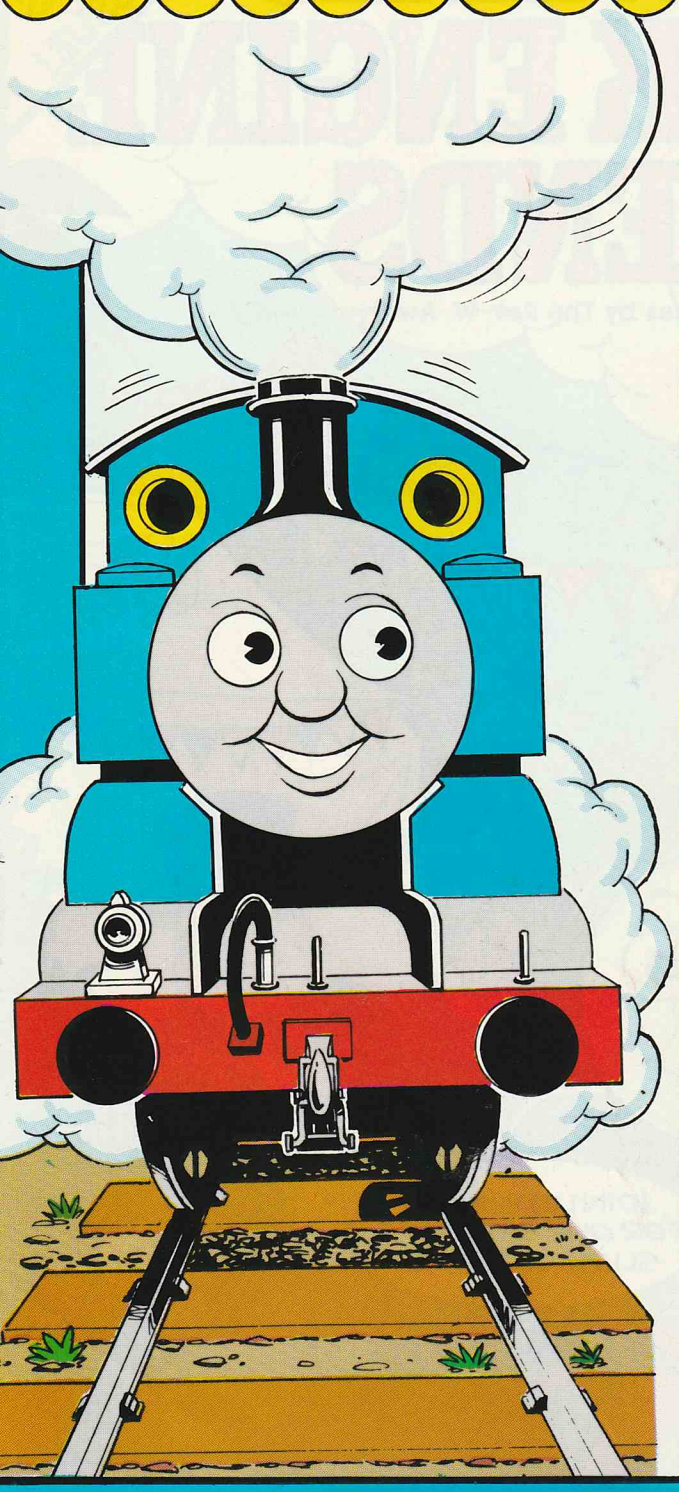

Peep! Peep! Edward is a blue Engine. He is also very kind and helpful to the other engines! One day, Edward becomes worried after he is given some news that concerns everyone on the Island of Sodor! However, Edward has a splendid idea! You can find out what it is when you read the story that begins on the next page!

SPLENDID COMPETITION!

12 THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE BEACH BUCKET SETS TO BE WON!

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1. What colour is James?
2. What are the twin Scottish Engines called?
3. Where does Trevor live on the Island of Sodor?

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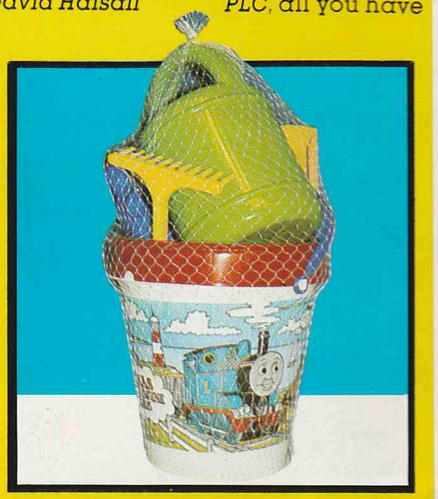

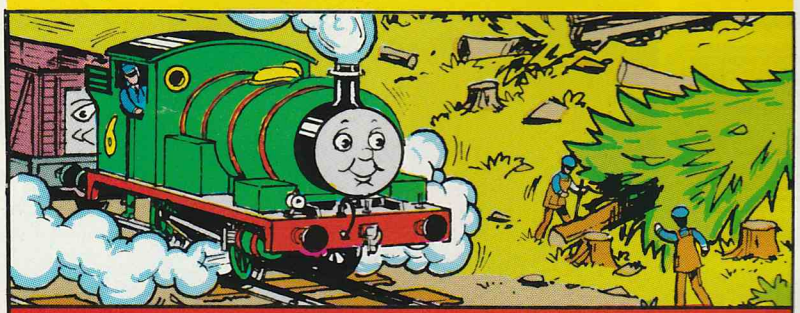

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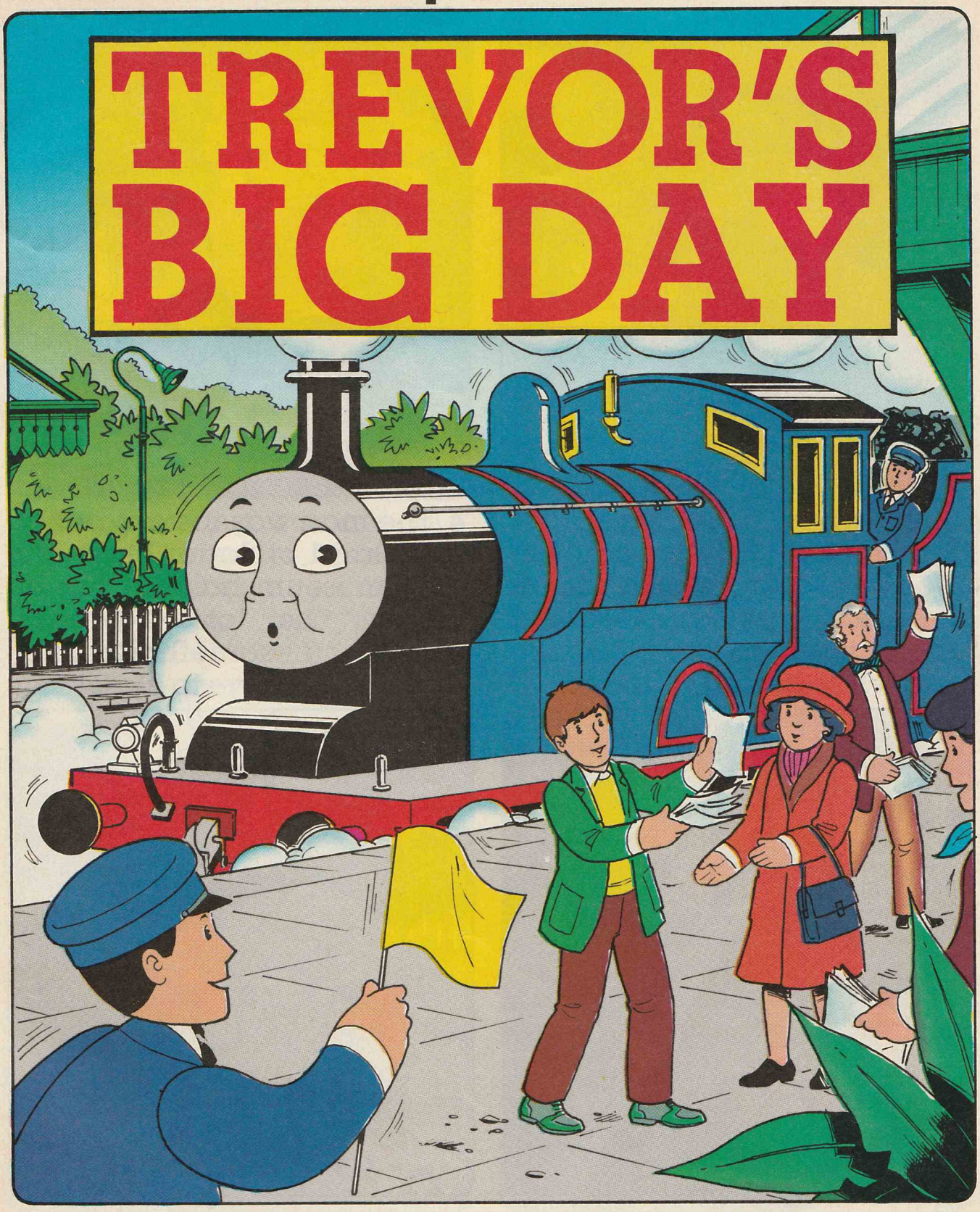
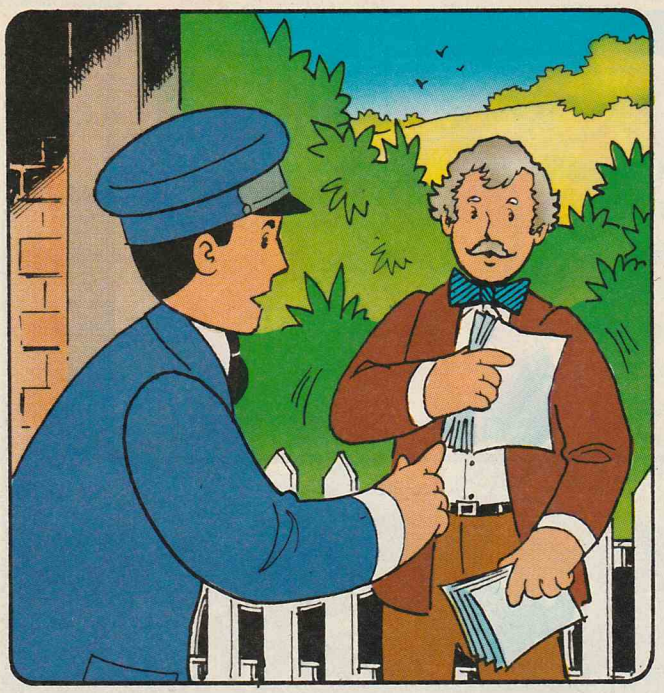


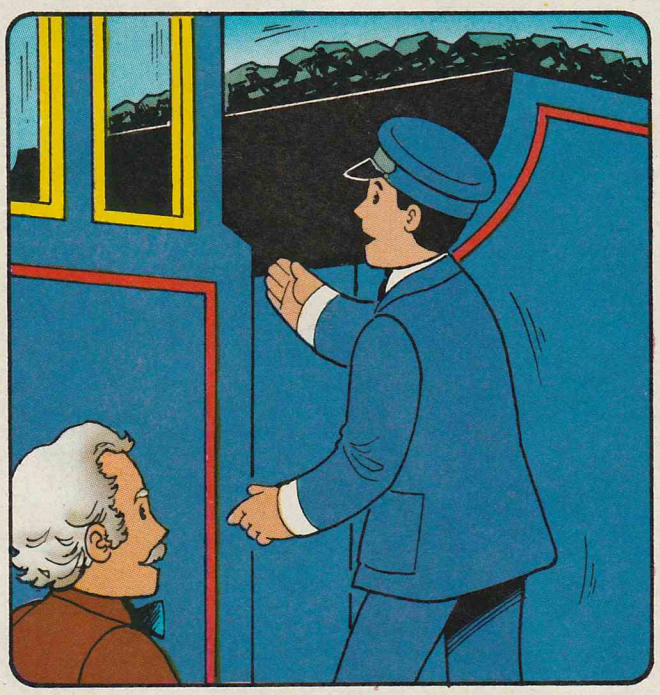
1. Edward is a blue engine. He is older than some of the other engines on the Island of Sodor. Edward is also very kind and is always willing to help.

2. One day Edward pulled into a station to pick up his passengers. On the platform a noisy crowd of people had gathered. They were handing out leaflets.

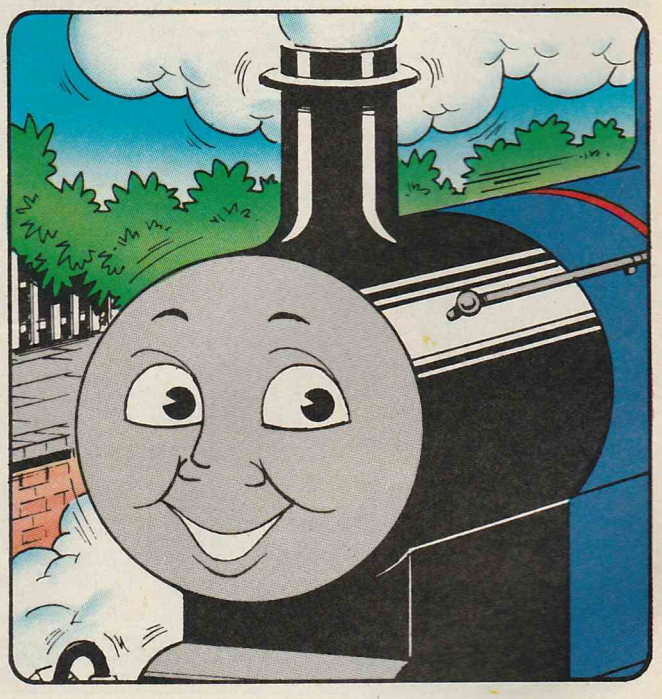


3. "I wonder what the problem is?" said Edward's driver. He jumped down from Edward's cab and walked along the platform. He spoke to a white-haired man.

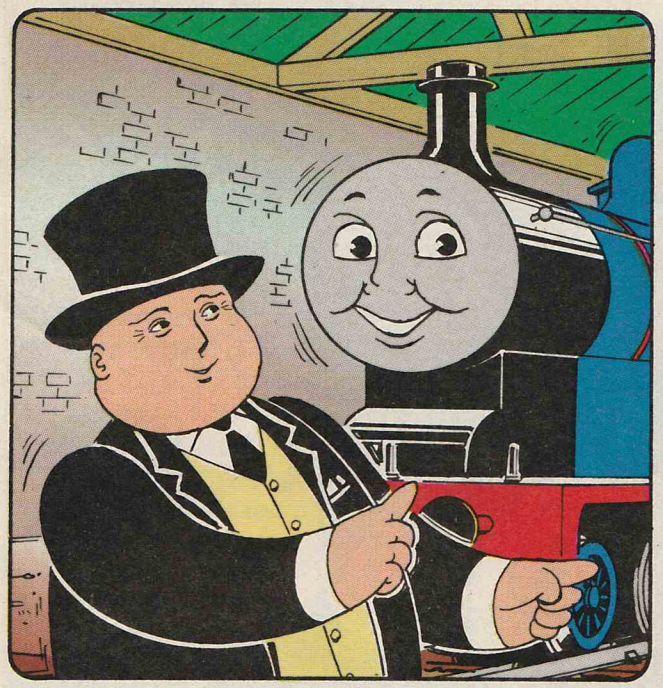
4. The man was the curator of the Island of Sodor Museum. "The museum has run out of money," he told Edward's driver. "If something isn't done, it will have to close!"



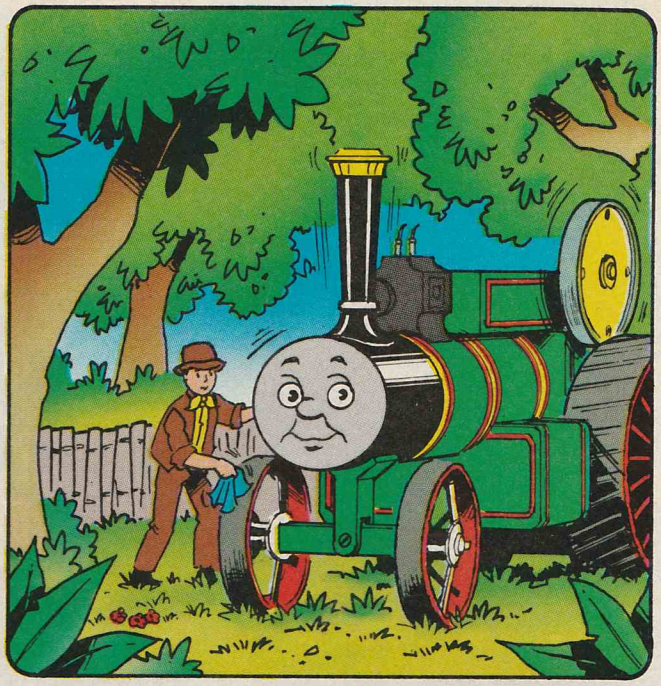
5. Edward's driver often took his children to the museum. He climbed back into Edward's cab, looking very worried. He told Edward all about the museum.



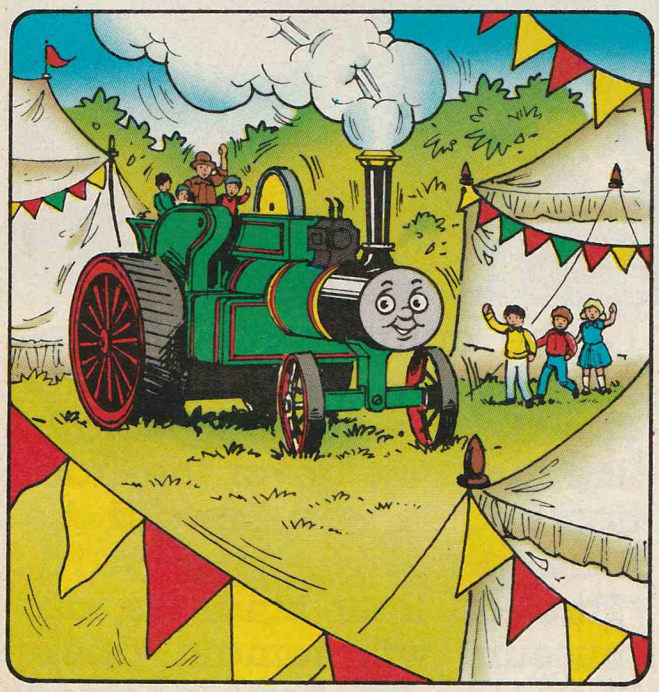
6. Then Edward had an idea. "We could have an Open Day!" he tooted. "Trevor can give rides and we can sell cakes and teas. The money would go to the museum."



7. That evening, Edward told the Fat Controller about his idea. "That's a wonderful idea, Edward," said the Fat Controller. "I shall tell Jem Cole right away!"



8. In the Village Orchard, Jem Cole prepared Trevor for the Open Day. He gave Trevor a new coat of paint and polished his funnel until it glistened in the bright sunshine.



9. On the day of the Open Day, the orchard was decorated with colourful banners and flags. There was a long queue of children waiting to have a ride on Trevor.

10. All afternoon Trevor gave the children rides, while the Stationmaster sold tickets. "What a good idea this is, Edward," said Trevor. "Everyone is having such fun!"

11. At the end of the afternoon, the Fat Controller stepped onto a special stage to make a speech. "I am proud to announce that we have raised a great deal of money for the museum," he said. "I am sure the museum will now remain open for many years to come." Then he gave the curator a cheque and shook his hand.

12. The curator smiled happily as he waved to the crowd. "I would especially like to thank Trevor the Traction Engine and Edward the Blue Engine," he said. "Through their kindness, our museum will remain open. Therefore, we have decided to open a brand new room in our museum . . . dedicated to the Sodor Railway!"

THE END

In our next issue: Percy and Terence!

COMPETITION!

56 SPLENDID THOMAS PRIZES TO BE WON!

Peep! Peep! Here comes Thomas steaming your way with the splendid chance to win one of **6 Hornby Train Sets** and one of **50 Best of Thomas The Tank Engine & Friends'** Videos (each video containing 18 stories; a still from one of the stories shown right). All prizes are from *Pickwick* and *Hornby*.

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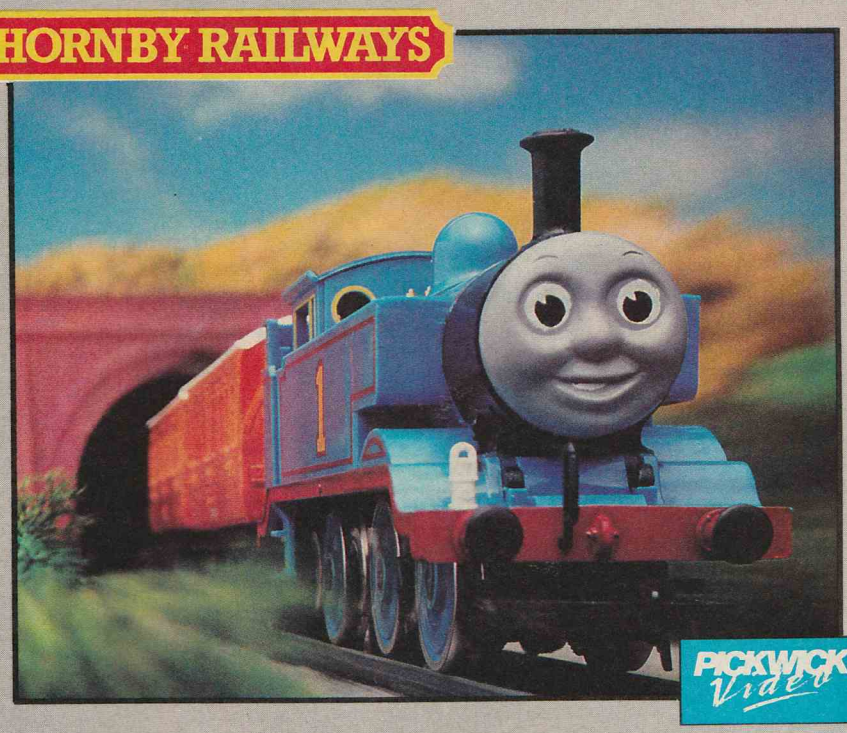

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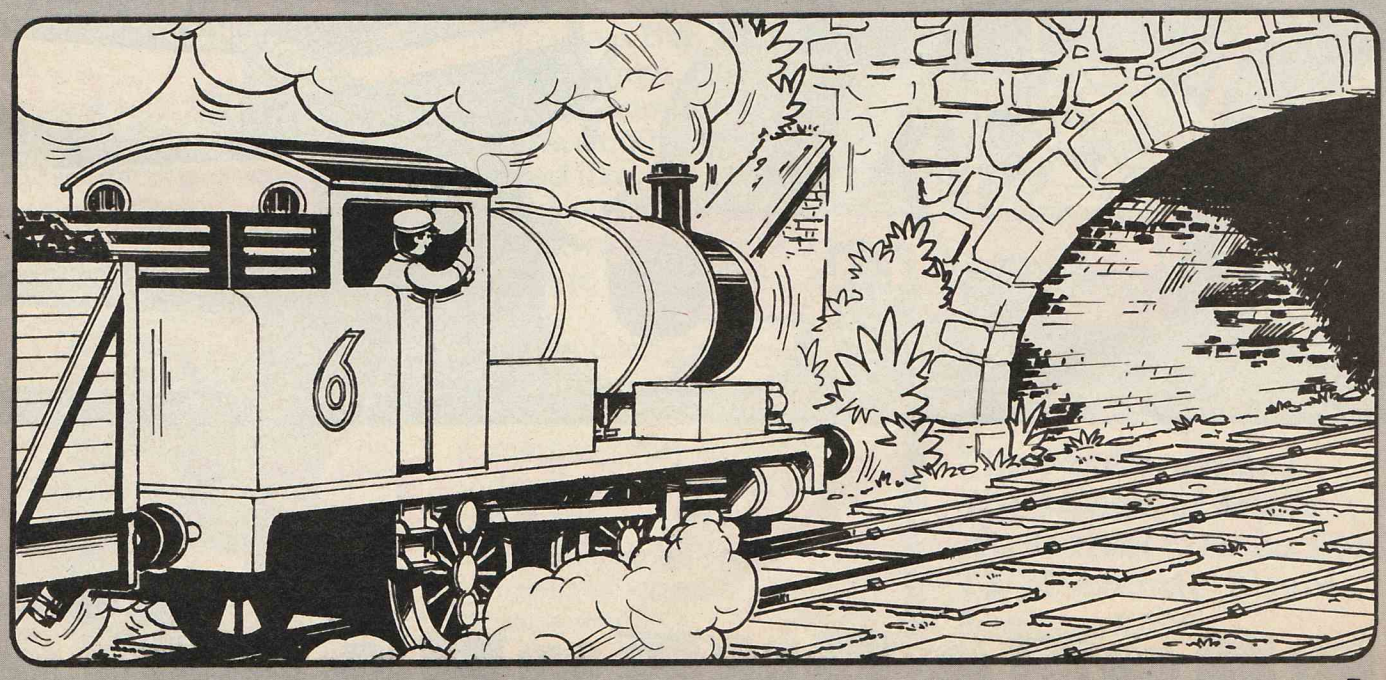

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...COMING YOUR WAY!

Your letters for the FAT CONTROLLER

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Last week, my mummy and daddy took me to the seaside and there was a Thomas the Tank Engine ride! I rode up and down six times! It was great!

Love from **Lawrence,** aged 5.

Gracious me! *I'm sure you had a splendid time by the seaside. As you know, I have a lot of lines which run beside the sea on the Island of Sodor. The seaside line is particularly popular with children just like you!*

The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid remote control **Thomas the Tank Engine** from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

A CHANGE OF COLOUR!

Dear Fat Controller,
I have a black cat called Henry. I play tricks with him and keep telling him that he should be green. Then he would be a proper engine, just like Percy!

Love from **Paul,** aged 3.

Poor Henry, I'm sure that if he were the same colour as Percy on my railway, he would look very strange indeed!

THOMAS LOOKALIKE!

Dear Fat Controller,
Last week, my daddy took me to see a big, blue steam engine. It looked just like **Thomas the Tank Engine** and his coaches looked like Annie and Clarabel. My daddy says that the next time the train comes to town, we shall go on it!

Love from **Andrew,** aged 4.

Goodness me . . . that is something very exciting indeed to look forward to! I am sure you and your daddy will both enjoy yourselves when the engine returns!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday greetings go out to the following. . .
Davina Hill (34592), Mark Hill (34591), Michael Daniel Mills (35021), Elizabeth Hodge (24763), Robert John Morgan, Thomas Wilkinson, Timothy Gardner (32297), Jamie Hanson, Matthew Thomas Hanlon, Jamie Pare, Stephen Wiles (30246), Anthony Wraith, Stuart McBratney, Adam Brown, Gavin Pontin, Kirsty Hammond (34366), Richard Brooke, Glenn Scully (31242), Matthew Scully (35391), Neil Gough (23381), Antony Pack (31138), Paul Nicholls.

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

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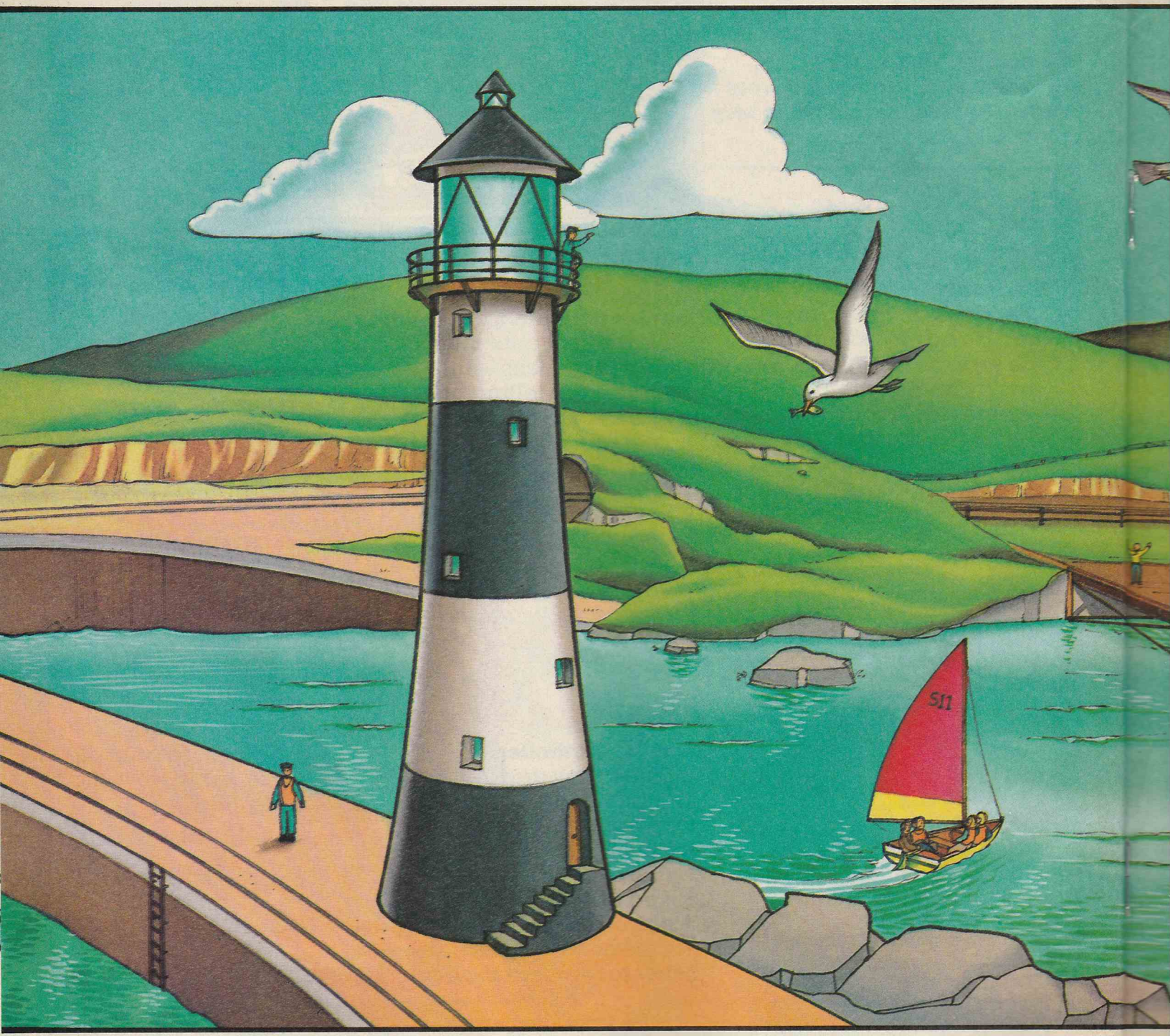

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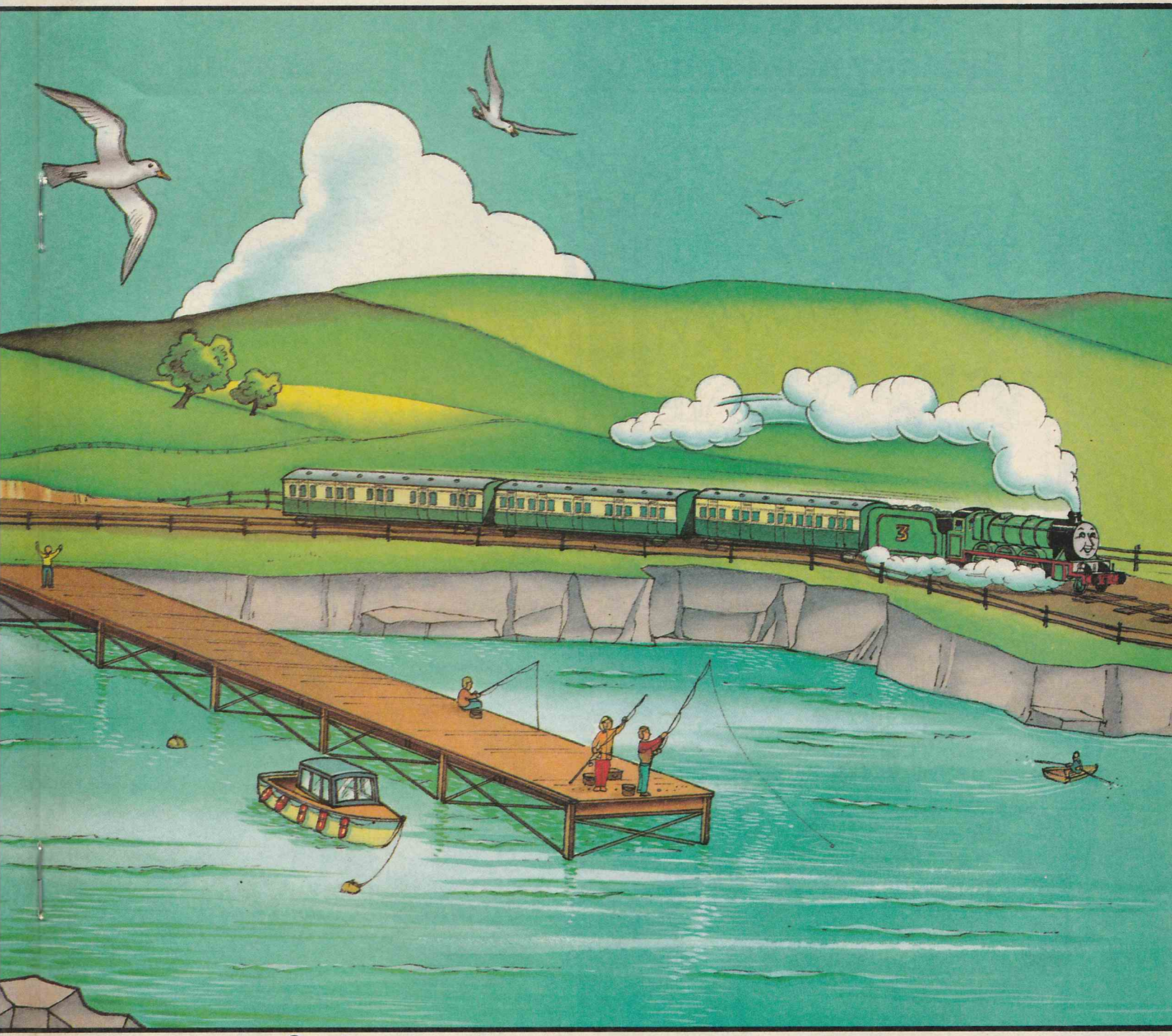

lighthouse!
the yacht?
is the sail?
eagulls are in the sky?

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Next issue: Down to the beach!

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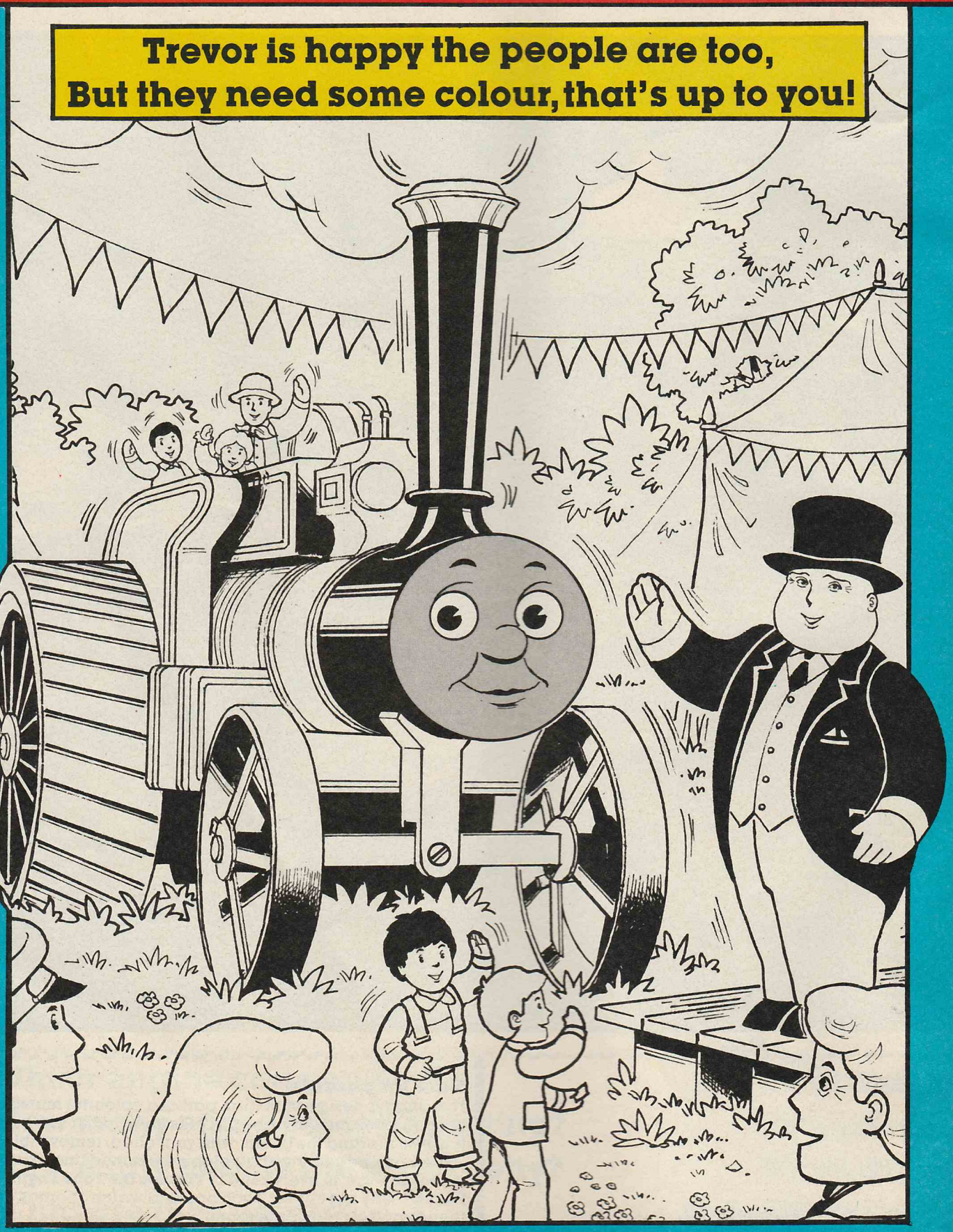

JOIN THE DOTS!

This seaside scene looks great fun, Join the dots, one by one!

Keeping Time

It was summertime and Thomas was working hard on his branch line. As he pulled carefully round a bend in the track, he was very surprized to see three lonely sheep standing on the line in the distance!

"Peep! Peep!" called Thomas, anxiously. "Move out of the way!"

But the sheep only bleeted with fright and ran further down the track.

"Oh, dear," said Thomas. His driver applied the brake and they gradually slowed down. "I do hope this doesn't make me late!"

When Thomas had stopped, his driver and fireman climbed down and chased the sheep back into their field. It took a very long time and Thomas felt impatient.

"No wonder those sheep escaped," Thomas's driver explained. "The fence by the track has fallen down. And now I am late!" interrupted Thomas.

At the Main Station, the Fat Controller was in waiting. He looked very cross.

"This will never do, Thomas!" he said. My engines must arrive on time!"

They told the Fat Controller about the sheep that had strayed onto Thomas's branch line. He sent some workmen to repair the fence straight away!

The next morning, the Fat Controller went to see Thomas in the shed. "The fence has been fixed now," he said. "You shouldn't encounter any sheep on your journey today!"

"Oh, thank you sir," replied Thomas.

Thomas set out eagerly with Annie and Clarabel, but he had not gone far along his branch line before he saw another obstruction on the line. This time, it was a large brown cow.

Once again, Thomas had to stop and wait while his driver and fireman led the cow back to the field.

"Cinders and ashes," grumbled Thomas. "Now I shall be late again!"

As Thomas expected, the Fat Controller was waiting at the Main Station.

"This is the second morning you have been late, Thomas," he

said. "You have disrupted my timetable. Tomorrow, I will ride with you to make sure the fence has been mended."

So, bright and early the next day, Thomas set off. The Fat Controller rode inside Annie to make sure Thomas was on time. The sun was shining brightly and soon it was so hot that the Fat Controller opened a window for some fresh air.

Suddenly, a gust of wind blew his fine top hat right off his head and out of the window! It landed beside the track!

"Stop! Stop!" the Fat Controller called to Thomas's driver.

"Goodness! Whatever could be wrong this time?" thought Thomas.

Thomas's driver applied the brakes. When Thomas had stopped, the Fat Controller climbed out of Annie and walked back along the line to pick up his hat.

"I am sorry, Thomas," he said. "It is because of me that you had to stop today! If we arrive late again I will explain to the passengers why we were delayed."

"Perhaps I can make up time," said Thomas, who set off as fast as he could go.

When Thomas reached the Main Station, the Fat Controller was very pleased with him.

"Right on time, Thomas," said the Fat Controller, checking his watch. "You are a Really Useful Engine!"

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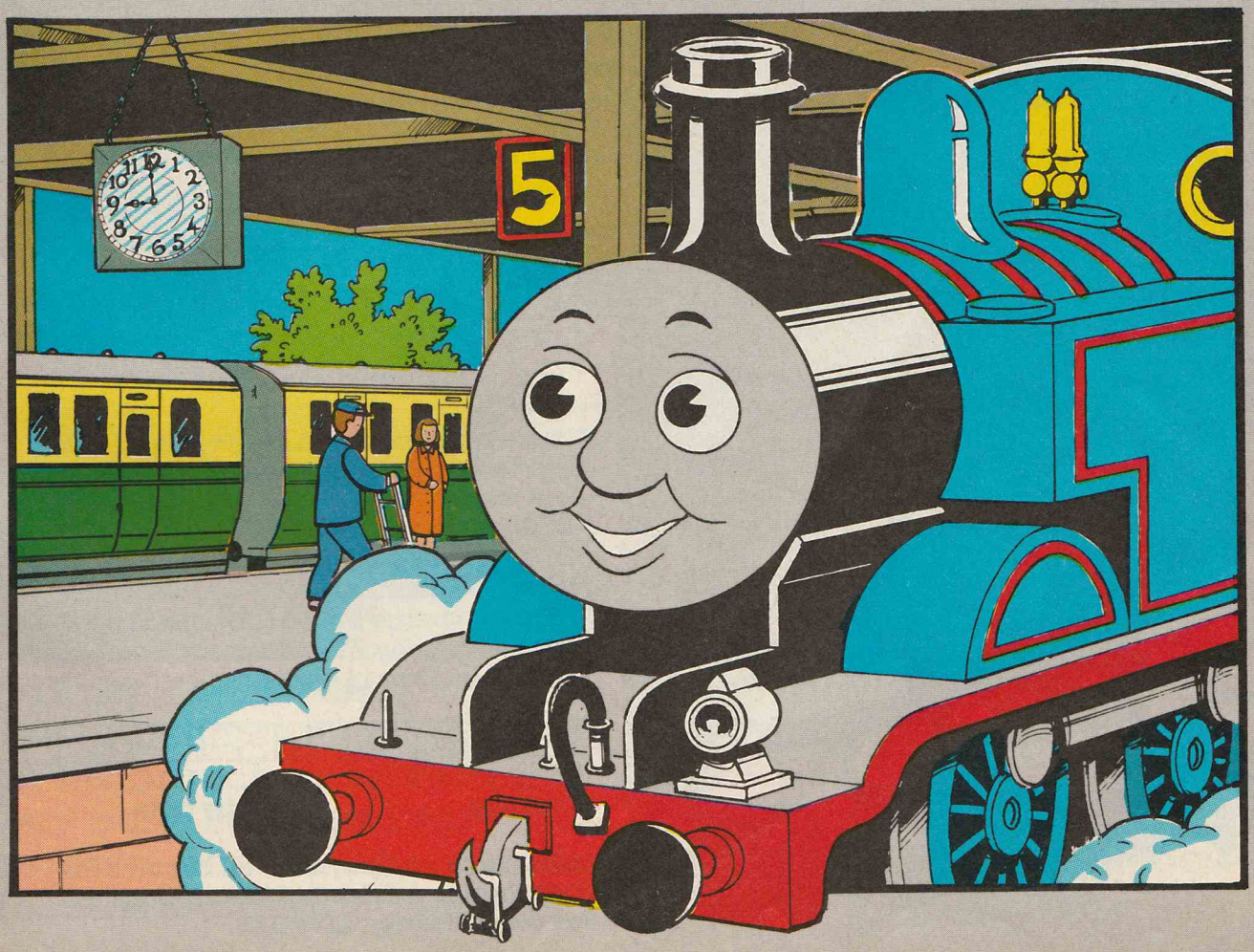

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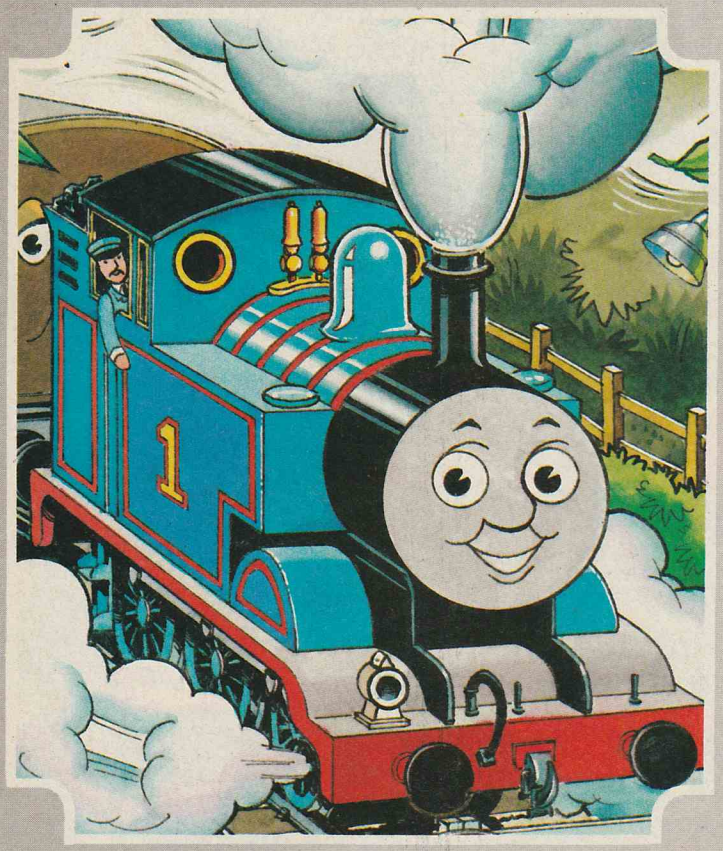

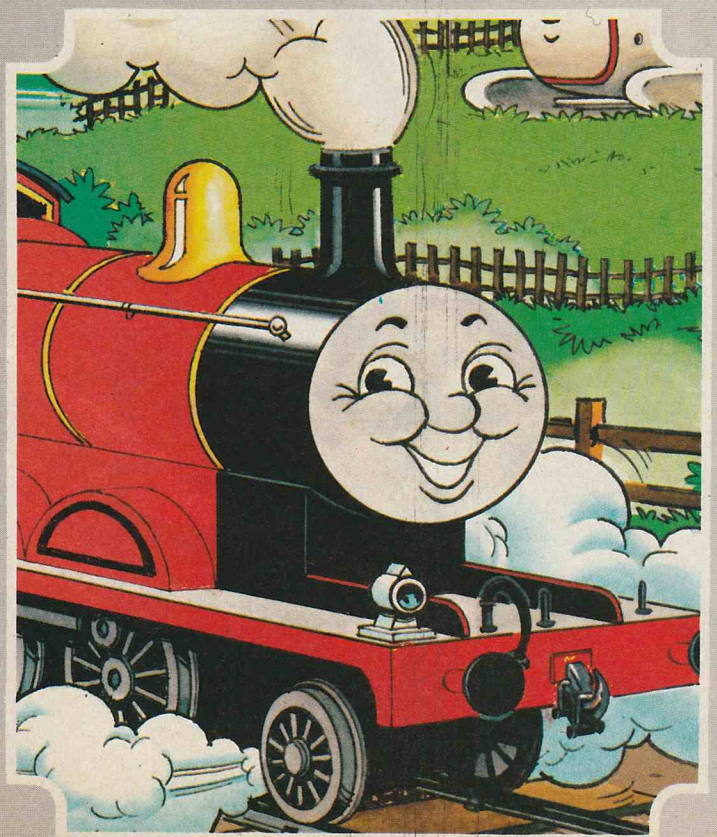

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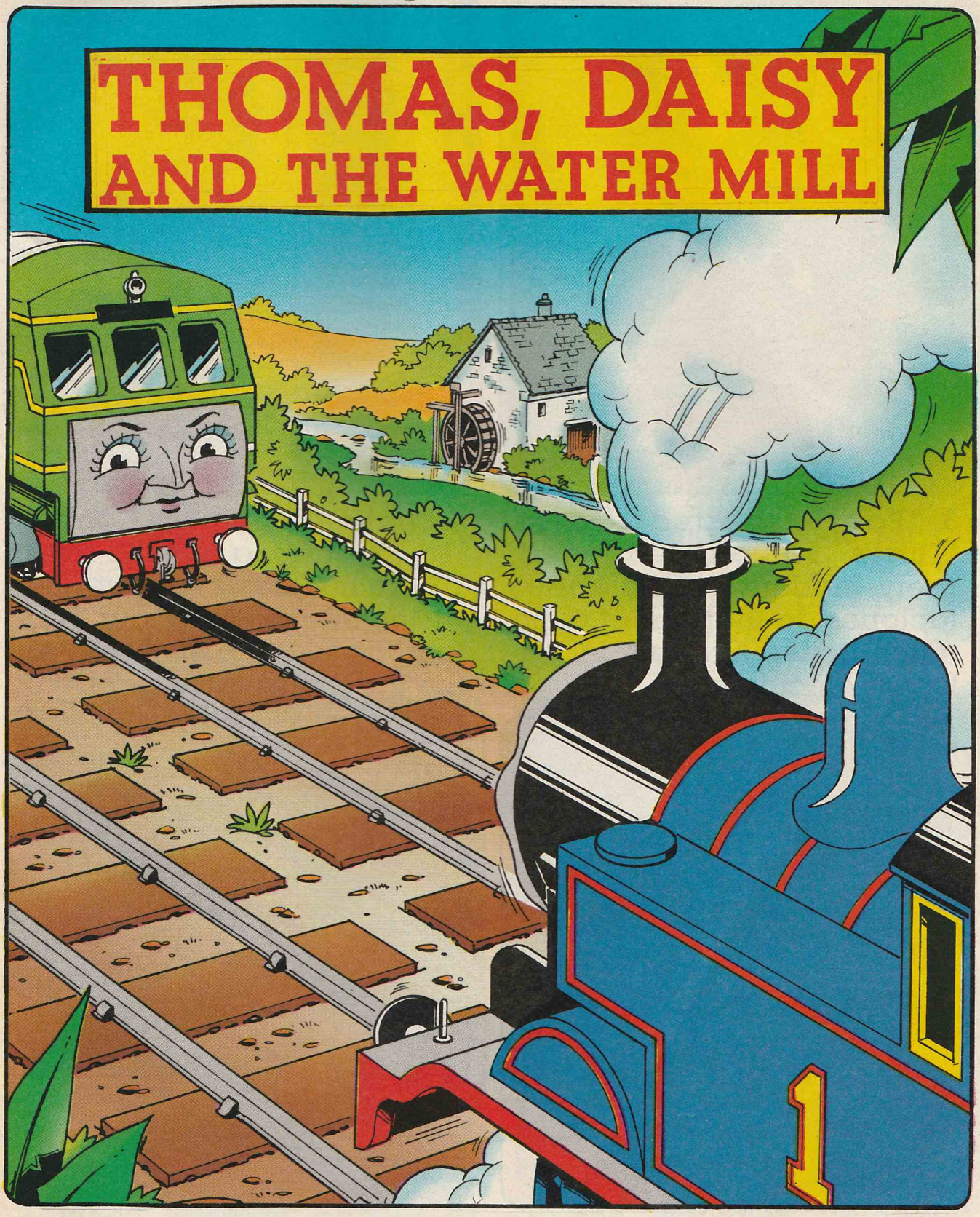
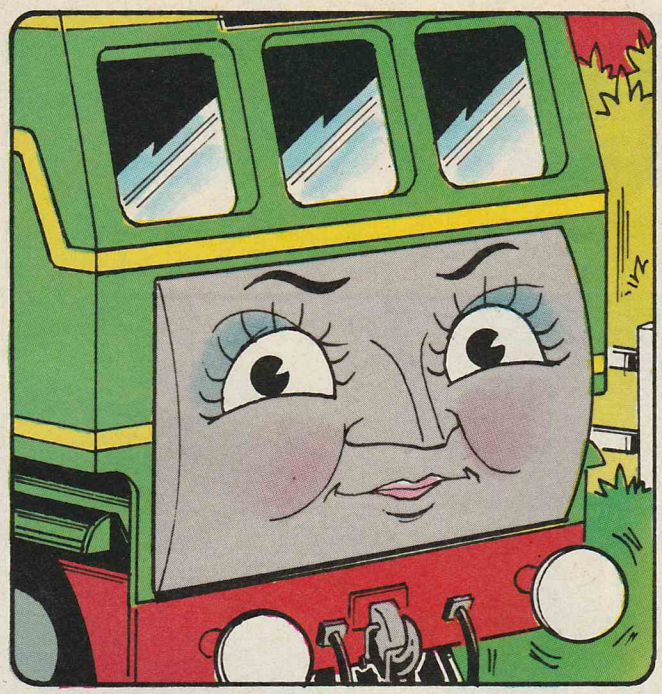


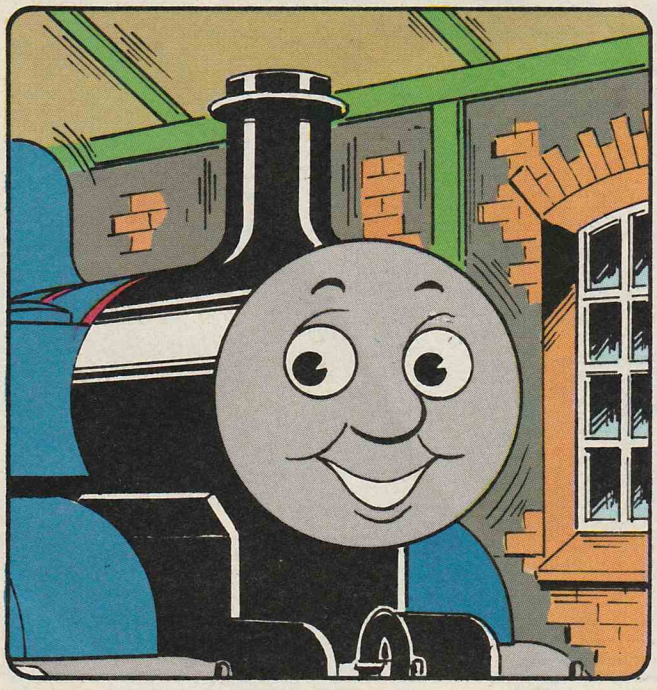
1. Daisy is a diesel railcar. She sometimes helps Thomas on his branch line, when it is very busy. Because Daisy is a modern railcar she thinks Thomas is old-fashioned.

2. One day as Thomas and Daisy passed on the branch line, beside the old mill. "What's that?" asked Daisy. "It's a water mill," replied Thomas. "It turns grain into flour."

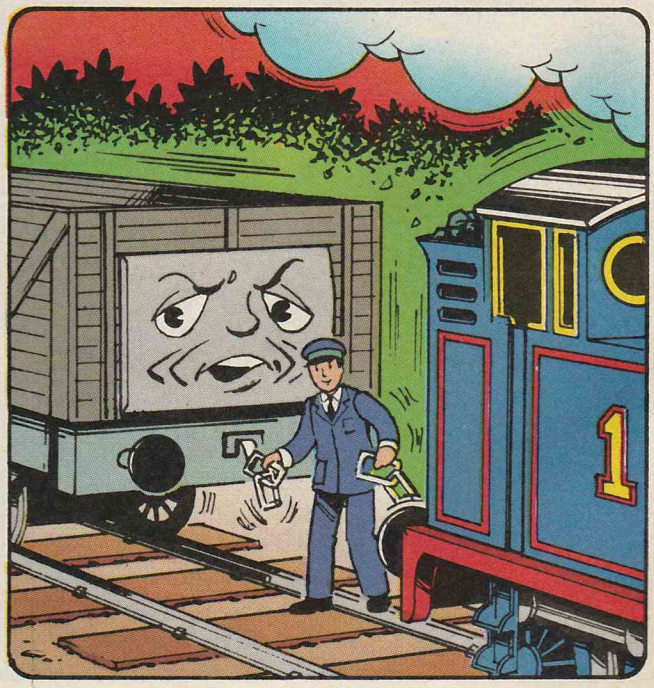


3. "Pah!" snorted Daisy. "That's so old-fashioned. Every modern railcar knows factories do that sort of thing much better. After all, factories use electricity."

4. That night, the Fat Controller ran panting into the shed. "There has been a power cut at the Wellsworth Flour Factory," he told the engines. "All the machines have stopped!"

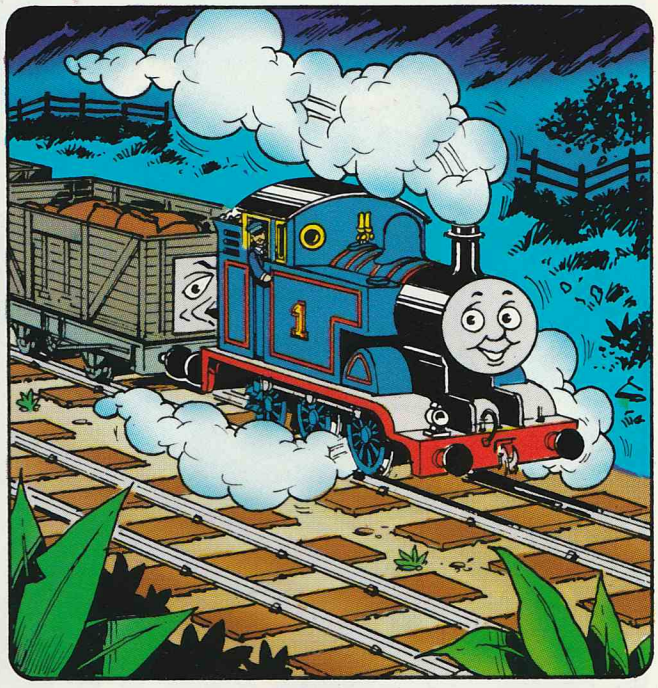


5. "I've an idea!" peeped Thomas. "We can take the grain to the old mill. A water mill doesn't need electricity. I'll bring the grain, and Daisy can bring the workmen."

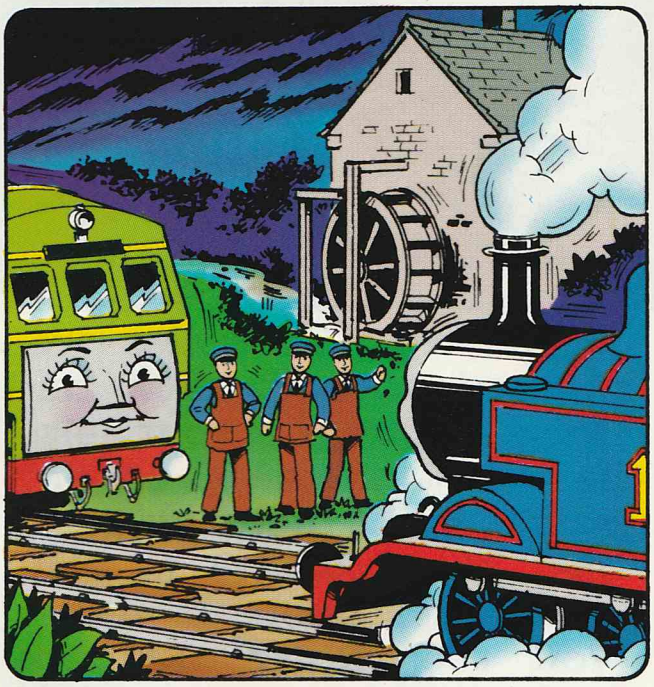


6. Thomas's driver coupled Thomas to some trucks. The trucks were very cross to be woken up late at night. "There's no time for grumbling," peeped Thomas.

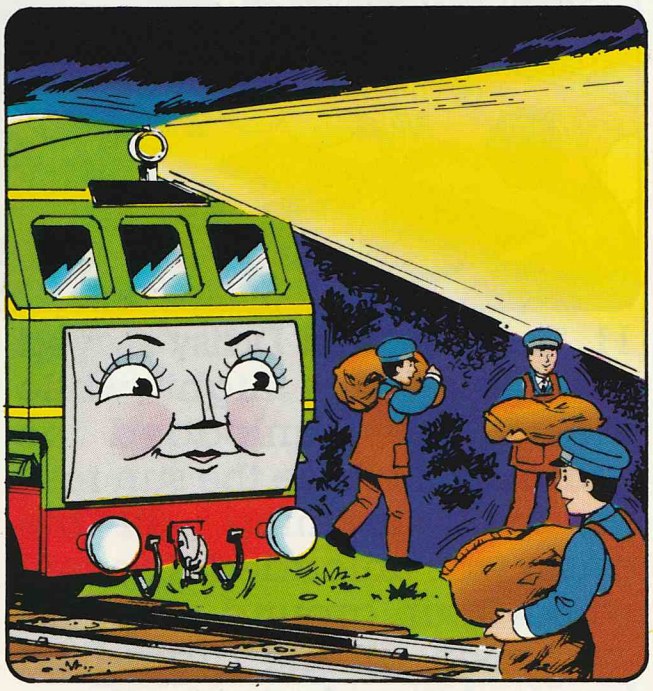
7. When Thomas arrived at the factory, the workmen loaded the sacks of grain onto the trucks. "Hurry, hurry, hurry," urged Thomas. "We must work quickly!"



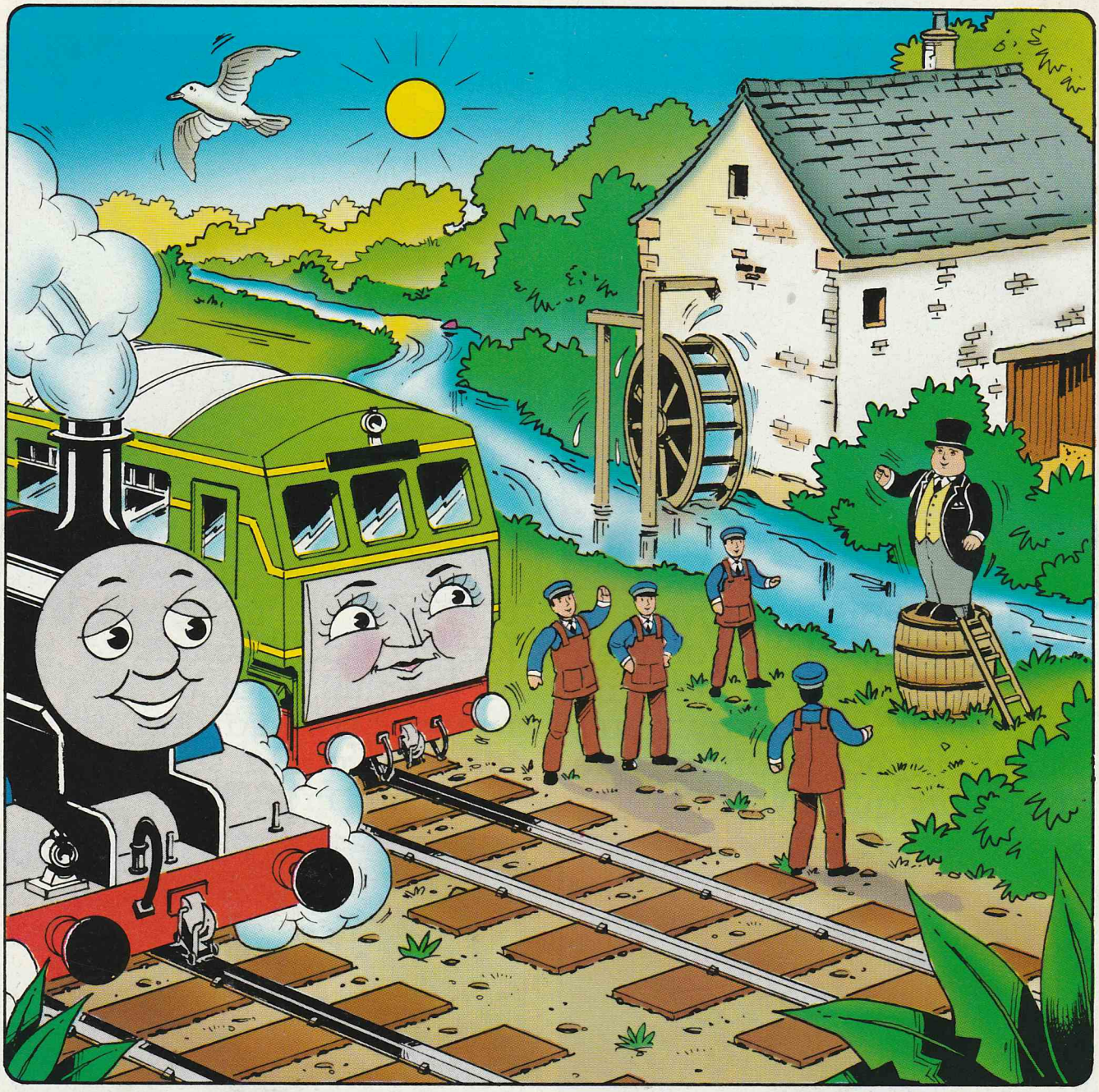
8. At last, all the grain was loaded and Thomas set off for the mill. Thomas went as fast as he could and before long he could see the old water mill in the distance.



9. When Thomas arrived at the mill, Daisy was already there with the workmen. "What took you so long?" she teased. "You old-fashioned engines are so slow."



10. The workmen unloaded the grain and took it inside the mill. Thomas and Daisy beamed their headlamps onto the sacks, so the workmen could see in the dark.



11. Thomas and Daisy stayed all through the night, while the workmen unloaded the grain. By the time the sun rose the next morning, all the grain was unloaded. The mill wheel spun around very fast, and soon all the grain had been turned into flour. Thomas and Daisy were both very tired. They yawned, sleepily.

12. The Fat Controller was pleased with Thomas and Daisy. "Because of your help," he said, "there is enough flour to make bread for everyone. The bakeries in Wellworth can open as usual." "You see, Daisy," laughed Thomas. "Modern machines don't always get the job done. Sometimes the old-fashioned way is best."

THE END

In our next issue: Stick with steam!